



## Message From The Headteacher



May Joy be your gift at  
Christmas and may Faith,  
Hope and Love be your  
treasures in the New Year.

God bless you at Christmas  
and Always

Best wishes

**Mrs S Pike**

**Headteacher**



## Advent Service and Christmas Concert

Our pupils have been very busy this term preparing our Advent Service video and our Christmas Concert. To put you in the festive mood please follow the links.

Advent Service

<https://vimeo.com/492258834>

Christmas Concert

<https://vimeo.com/491973225/b2228980cc>



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Saturday 9 January 9.30am**

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## Wellbeing Challenge

We were inundated with messages this week, describing small acts of kindness from across the Bedian community. Breakfasts in bed, hot cups of tea, phone calls to lonely relatives and clothes donated to charity, to name but a few. The acts varied in type and size, but all showed how much of a caring community we are.

Some of the kindest submissions, were the Christmas cards for the elderly, made by Mrs Barber's Upper Third form - some of our favourites are below.

The Wellbeing Challenge for over the Christmas holidays is simply to relax and unwind. We might not be able to celebrate in the way we usually do, but we can definitely take time to rest and recuperate after a challenging year. Go for a wintry walk; play a board game with family; get comfy on the sofa with a book or a film - find time to recharge and welcome in a new year.

Mr Hughes - Head of Lower Fifth



## The Great Bede's Bake Off



Are you a budding bake off star? The next Nadiya? Or a potential Peter? Well get your recipes at the ready for this year's GBBO (Great BEDE'S Bake Off of course!)

Campion House are asking you all to get baking over this festive season-a fantastic family activity for a chilly Christmas afternoon!

There are two categories to enter your bakes into:

Do you make brilliant brownies? Or cracking cookies? Then why not enter them into the signature challenge! This can be any bakes at all...as long as they look and taste delicious!

Then for our showstopper round we would like to see your most festive bakes. This might be a classic Christmas cake, mince pies or even a Yule log. The more over the top, the better!

After you have baked (and tested!) your delights, don't forget to send a picture to Mrs Barber. The closing date for your picture and description of your bakes is 3 January.

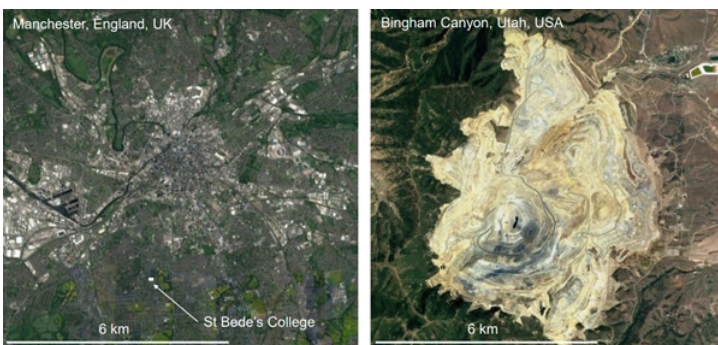
Our very own Bede's versions of Prue and Paul will be judging your pictures, with prizes given out to a winner in each house, as well as an overall champion.

We can't wait to see your creations...although we wish we could taste them too!

**Mrs Barber**  
Head of Campion House

## Geology Lecture 2020

On Thursday 10 December, the Geology Department held their 25th anniversary Geology Christmas Lecture. On an evening of firsts, the lecture was delivered via ZOOM by a former pupil, Dr Matt Loader. While it was a shame not to hold the lecture in our academic hall over 60 people signed in to listen to Dr Loader's presentation focussed on Copper ore deposits and the increasing demand for copper as the world strives to produce more green energy. Dr Loader put this into context with some startling facts and figures about the amount of copper used in green energy production



and electric vehicles, an electric bus requires over 300kg of copper! The most viable reserves of copper are found close to the frozen magma systems of extinct volcanoes, hence the title of the lecture 'Can dead volcanoes save the world'. These are the types of copper deposits that Dr Loader specialises in and is currently involved in ground breaking research to find and exploit them. The mines made to extract these deposits are huge and lead to some of the world's largest holes in the ground. For example, the Bingham Canyon mine in Utah could easily fit the entire of Manchester within its walls.

Dr Loader's presentation reaffirmed the need for more geologists in the world, as we strive for a greener future in a more technologically advance world, natural resources hold the key, and it is geologists who are going to find them. The methods used to find these deposits and extract them safely are taught in both GCSE and A level Geology at St Bede's and hopefully one day in the future we will welcome back another former pupil to tell us how they are helping to save the world and secure a greener future for us all.

Mr Parker

## Theme of the Week



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# Advent - JOY



"Let what you have said be done to" (Luke 1:38)

**Challenge:**

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday and this week we rejoice and are filled with joy because we are half way through Advent, it is also our last week at College. How will you spread Joy this week? What can you do at home and in school to bring the joy to others.



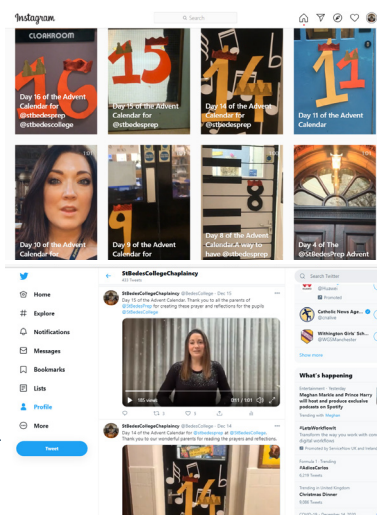
Jesus Others Yourself

**Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, as I search for true joy in my life, remind me to think of you and others before myself.  
Amen. St Bede- Pray for us

## Advent Thank You

The link between home and school is very important to us at St Bede's College and with the absence of all the plays and carol concerts we wanted to see parents in school, even if it meant virtually. A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents from near and as far as New Zealand for sending in their videos for the pupils. You have really made this Advent very special for the children and staff in the Prep. If you haven't seen the 1 minute videos for each school day, please visit our Chaplaincy page on Twitter StBedesCollegeChaplaincy (@BedesCollege) / Twitter and on Instagram StBedesCollegeChaplaincy (@stbedescollegechaplancy)



• Instagram photos and videos

Have a Holy Christmas.

God Bless.

Mrs Hibbert

### St Bede's Football Cannot Be Locked Down

As the term draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the staff involved in the football programme, the parents/guardians who took to their second role in becoming Manchester's finest chauffeur service making sure all students travelled safely. Finally, a massive thank you to the boys/girls who have committed on a weekly basis facing all the elements full of enthusiasm towards their football programme. Although the season has sadly been restricted so far due to COVID 19 there are still a lot of memorable moments which have occurred in 2020, I have seen the new U12's take to the programme like ducks to water full of quality, ardour and commitment and will surely be successful during their time at St Bede's College. The seniors have seen a boost in numbers and injection of quality with the introduction of the Upper Fifth into the senior squad, Luigi Mongan has deservedly been chosen as 1XI captain for the season, I would personally like to wish Luigi the best of luck for the season. On the 15 October 2020 we witnessed Mr Mitchell and Mr Parker lead the U14's to victory and defend their title in the ESFA Smalls Schools Cup Competition which is an extraordinary achievement. Overall, we have seen over 170 students take part in the college football programme (Upper Third and above) so far this term which is a considerable development from last year. WELL DONE to all involved!

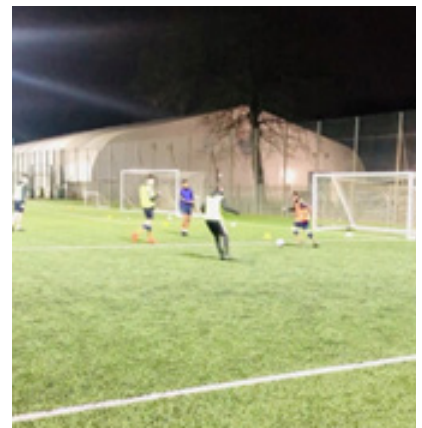
As the new year approaches we continue to consider different options where we can improve the programme, from January onwards we are looking at introducing a Futsal club and also specific 1-1/small group coaching sessions, more information will be relayed in the new year. I am hopeful the programme can return to some normality with the introduction of fixtures on the horizon so the boys and girls can continue their journey and more importantly their development on the St Bede's football programme.

I hope you and your families have a well-deserved break, a wonderful Christmas and a lovely new year from all of the staff on the SBC Football programme.

**Mr Brown (Director of Football)**

@FootballSbc

Please follow for news, updates and scores regarding the programme.



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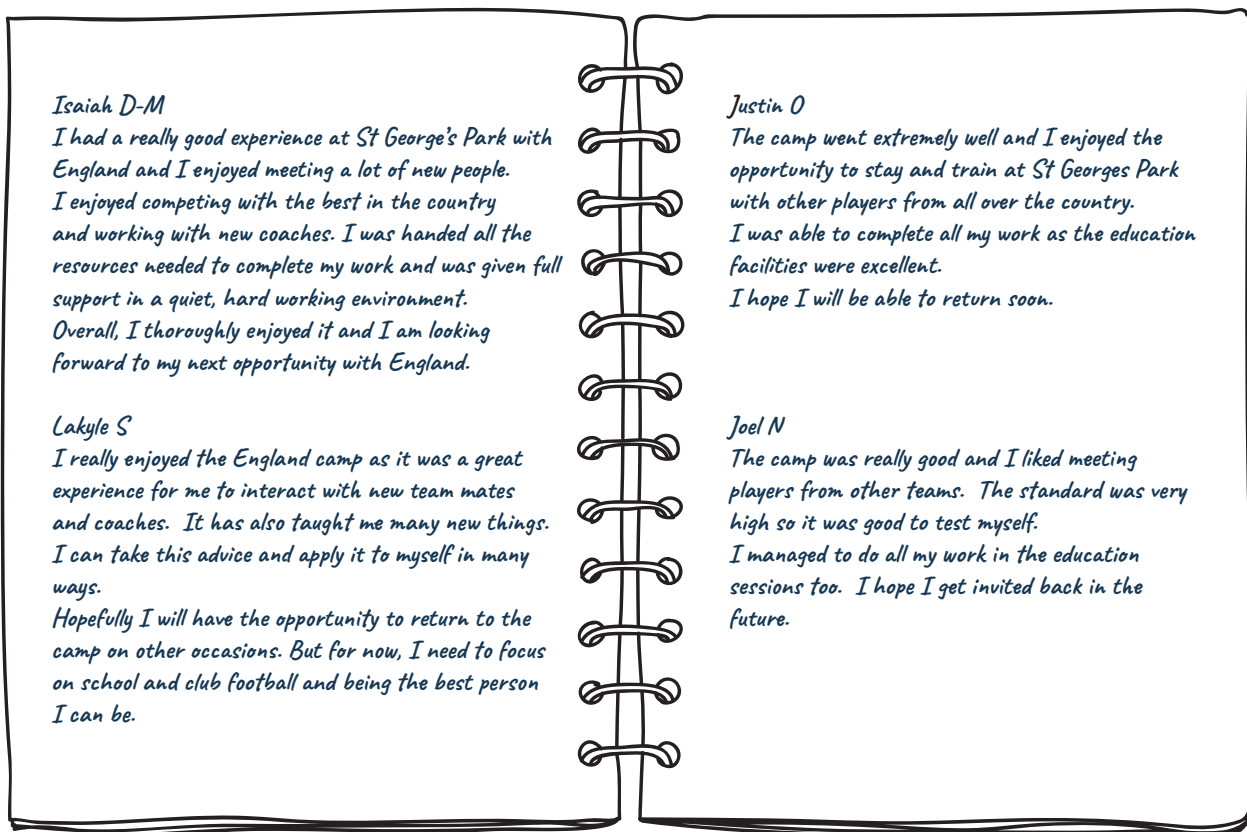
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### England Call Ups

Congratulations to Charlie G and True G who are attending England football training camps at St Georges Park this weekend. So far this academic year, there have been eleven Bedians training with England Under 15s, Under 16s and Under 17s. Isaiah D-M, Lakyle S, Justin O and Joel N have provided feedback on what they thought of the England camp from last week. We are extremely proud of them all.



### SBPA - Thank You

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St Bede's College  
Parents' Association

As the year comes to an end the St Bedes Parent Association would just like to say a heartfelt 'Thank You'. Unfortunately we haven't been able to host any events recently but we have still been busy supporting our children through their school journey.

Earlier in the year we purchased some 'Visualizers' for the teaching staff. They enable direct communication between a teacher and a pupil or a parent online directly from a classroom. They were also used for the Sixth Form Open Evening and several Parents' Evenings. They were such a success that we

purchased extra visualizers in September which enabled every member of staff to have access to one. This allows the school to provide the very best remote learning as and when it's needed.

We also provided funds to the Drama department so they could purchase some new lighting. St Bedes are very well known for the amazing performances they produce so the new lighting will be a welcome addition.

SBPA are hopeful we can host some events in 2021 and are very grateful for all the help and continued support we receive from parents, friends and staff from St Bedes.

Mrs S Corran



## Christmas Service

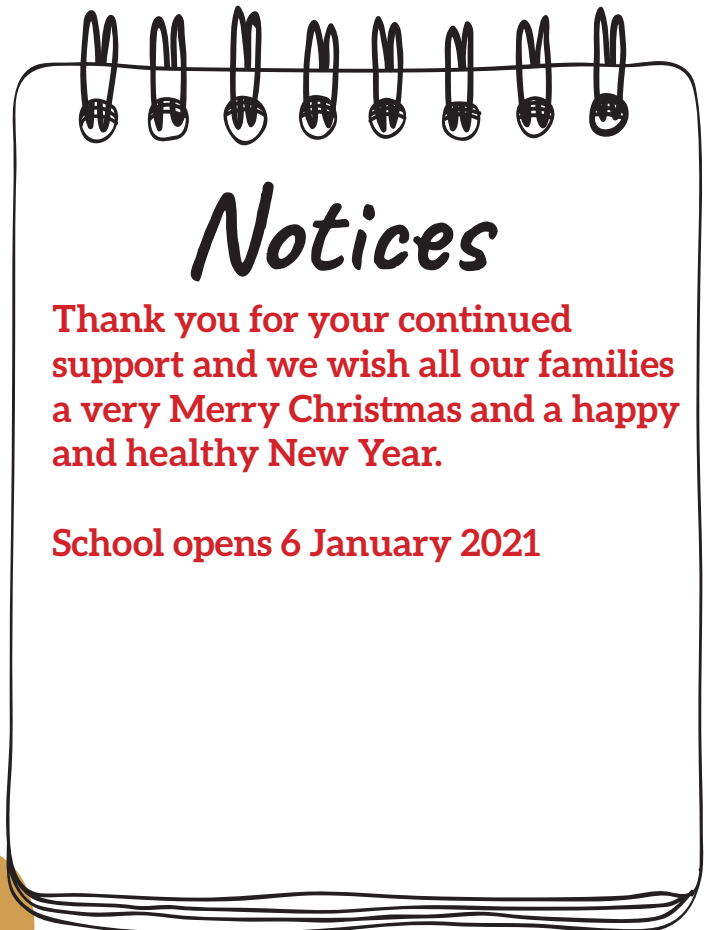
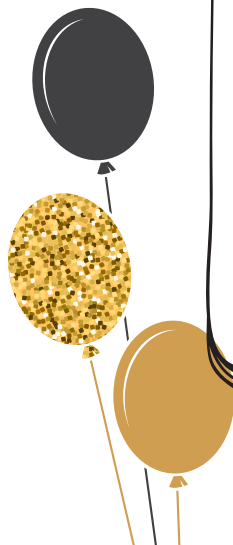
To all members of our Bedian community from everyone in the Prep, we wish you a peaceful and wonderful Christmas. May God bless everyone with health and happiness in the New Year.

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Wednesday 6 January 2021.

Here is the link to the Prep Christmas Service:  
<https://vimeo.com/492018291>

WISH YOU  
A VERY  
 **HAPPY**   
**BIRTHDAY**

NURSERY **ARINZE**  
PREP 1 **WILLIAM**  
PREP 2 **ANNALIESE**  
PREP 3 **ANNA LEIGH**  
PREP 6 **CARMELA**  
PREP 6 **OSCAR**  
PREP 6 **MARCO**



## Notices

**Thank you for your continued support and we wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.**

**School opens 6 January 2021**